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In re application of: Christopher Frederik BAYNE

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SHAFT SEALS FOR SEALING PULVERULENT SOLIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 15, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure attached on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.